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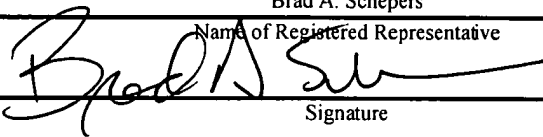
In re patent application of:)	Before the Examiner:
Young et al.)	Jerry L. Cumberledge
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Application Serial No. 10/695,068)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: October 28, 2003)	Atty. Ref. No.:
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MULTI-AXIAL, CROSS-LINK CONNECTOR)	
SYSTEM FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS)	October 27, 2008

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 26, 2008, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the time to respond by one month, up to and including October 26, 2008, is provided herewith along with a credit card authorization form in the amount of the requisite extension fee. The Applicant notes that October 26, 2008 fell on a Sunday, thereby extending the response period to October 27, 2008, the first subsequent business day. Thus, it is believed no additional extension of time is required; however, please provide any extension of time deemed necessary and please charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include the payment of any issue fees.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:	
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-8, 10-18, 21 and 31-33 were pending in the subject application for the non-final Office Action dated June 26, 2008. Each of the pending claims currently stands rejected. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.